

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF BELL SOUTH BSE,)
INC. FOR AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE) CASE NO. 97-417
LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE)

O R D E R

BellSouth BSE, Inc. ("BellSouth BSE") submitted its application to provide competitive local exchange service in Kentucky on October 1, 1997. On November 7, 1997, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") submitted its negotiated agreement with BellSouth BSE ("Agreement"). The Agreement provides for the terms pursuant to which BellSouth BSE will resell the services of BellSouth.

Both MCI Telecommunications Corporation and MCImetro Access Transmission Services, Inc. (collectively, "MCI") and AT&T Communications of the South Central States, Inc. ("AT&T") subsequently petitioned for, and were granted, intervention. While both MCI and AT&T demonstrate an interest in this matter, neither has yet stated on the record what, if any, concerns they have in regard to BellSouth BSE providing service in Kentucky pursuant to the filed Agreement.

Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, this Commission is to "act to approve or reject" the Agreement within 90 days of its submission. Accordingly, MCI and AT&T are instructed to file, within 10 days of the date of this Order, a written statement specifying any objections to the Agreement or the proposal of BellSouth BSE that it be certified to provide service in Kentucky. In addition, any party desiring a hearing in this matter shall, within 14 days of the date of this Order,

file a motion to that effect. If no such motion is filed, this matter shall stand submitted to the Commission without further Orders herein.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Within 10 days of the date of this Order, the intervenors shall file written statements specifying any concerns regarding, or any objections to, the application of BellSouth BSE and the Agreement of BellSouth BSE and BellSouth.
2. Within 14 days of the date of this Order, any party desiring a hearing in this matter shall file a motion to that effect with the Commission, stating with particularity the issues to be explored in the requested hearing.
3. If the Commission does not receive, within 14 days of the date of this Order, a motion for hearing, this matter shall stand submitted to the Commission on the record existing as of that date without further Orders herein.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 8th day of January, 1998.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


For the Commission

ATTEST:


Executive Director